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SUBJECT: INCIDENT OF 16 OCTOBER

REF: STATE 257980

1. I CALLED ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR MUSATOV OCTOBER 21
AND PROTESTED SUBJECT INCIDENT. VISIT HAD BEEN DELAYED
TWO DAYS AT MUSATOV'S REQUEST. DCM AND SOVIET COUNSELOR V.
ZAIKA WERE PRESENT.

2. I NOTED THAT CONDUCT OCTOBER 16 OF SOVIET OFFICIAL
UNDER MUSATOV'S JURISDICTION HAD BEEN UNACCEPTABLE. HE
HAD THREATENED CONSUL, ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT HIM, AND MADE FALSE
AND OFFENSIVE ACCUSATION, IN PARTICULAR BASELESS ALLEGATION
THAT U.S. EMBASSY WAS ENGAGED IN PLOTTING AGAINST GOG AND PRINTING
ANTI-REGIME LEAFLETS. I WAS INSTRUCTED, I SAID, TO MAKE
CLEAR U.S. COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH BEHAVIOR.

3. MUSATOV REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH A
PROTEST ABOUT THE INCIDENT, WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED. TO
AMBASSADOR'S QUERY, HE DENIED HE HAD HIMSELF AUTHORIZED
THE "PAVEL" APPROACH. HE SAID ITS PURPOSE HAD BEEN
SIMPLY TO WARN CONSUL AGAINST FURTHER "PROVOCATIONS
AND SUBVERSION DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS
AND CITIZENS IN GUINEA." NO THREATS WERE MADE, HE
CLAIMED. IT WAS WELL KNOWN TO SOVIET EMBASSY, AND TO
CERTAIN OTHER EMBASSIES, MUSATOV WENT ON, THAT CONSUL

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IS CHIEF OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN GUINEA.

SOVIETS HAVE EXPERIENCED "ALL SORTS OR PROVOCATIONS" FROM HIS GROUP QFD WANTED THEM TOB590. THEY WOULD BROOK NO PROVOCATIONS FROM ANYONE, ANY SERVICE. MUSATOV DREW DISTINCTION BETWEEN "SERVICES", ON ONE HAND, AND "EMBASSY AND GOVERNMENT" ON OTHER, ADDING THAT U.S. EMBASSY AND SOVIET EMBASSY, ON ALL LEVELS, CONTINUED TO ENJOY CORRECT, NORMAL "GOOD" RELATIONS. SOVIETS DID NOT INTERFERE IN GOG'S AFFAIRS. ONLY PURPOSE OF "PAVEL'S" APPROACH, HE REPEATED, WAS TO GET U.S. AGENT TO DESIST FROM WHAT SOVIETS CONSIDERED PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST SOVIET PERSONNEL. I DENIED THERE HAD BEEN ANY PROVOCATIONS FROM U.S. CONSUL AND REPEATED THAT BEHAVIOR OF SOVIET OFFICIAL WAS UNACCEPTABLE. MUSATOV DID NOT DEFINE "PROVOCATIONS." MUSATOV AGREED TO REPORT MY PROTEST TO MOSCOW AND REQUESTED THAT I "OBJECTIVELY" RELAY HIS COMMENTS TO WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: MUSATOV SET TONE OF WOMEWHAT FORCED CORDIALITY AND AND STUCK TO IT. HE SEEMED A BIT TAKEN ABACK AT MY PRESENTATION, BUT HAD EVIDENTLY HAD SOME BRIEFING ON INCIDENT BEFOREHAND. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE, IN RETROSPECT, THAT KGB HAD NOT TOLD HIM ALL DETAILS OF INCIDENT, E.G. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY AS OPPOSED TO STATION. HE DID NOT MENTION TU-95'S AND INSISTED THAT SCOPE OF INCIDENT WAS RESTRICTED TO CONTEXT OF TWO SPECIALIZED SERVICES, NOT WIDER POLITICS. THRUST OF HIS APPROACH WAS TO DENY SOVIET ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY OR THREAT TO "EXPOSE" EMBASSY TO GOG. ALTHOUGH TOUGH SPOKEN, HE DID NOT SEEM ENTIRELY COMFORTABLE ABOUT THE WHOLE AFFAIR.
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